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1.(U)Al-Thawra official daily (03/12) published a Yemeni government official statement that welcomed the signing of the Transitional Administrative Law in Iraq Monday, March 8,  $\underline{\P}$ 2004. Post's unofficial translation of the statement follows:

2.(U) "The Government of Yemen has followed with deep interest the agreement reached by the Interim Governing Council, endorsing the Interim Administrative Law for the transitional period in Iraq. The Republic of Yemen welcomes this important step and hopes that it will be a positive one on the path to restoring Iraq's sovereignty, craft a permanent constitution and establish an independent government that will guarantee Iraqis their security and stability, end the foreign occupation of brotherly Iraq and enable Iraq to play its national role in serving the (Arab) nation's issues. The Republic of Yemen also appreciates the positive role played by the U.S. Civil Administrator of the Coalition Forces, Paul Bremer, in reaching such a historic agreement." MÍSENMHEIMER